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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Law of Animals. A Treatise on Property in Animals Wild and Domestic, and the Rights and Responsibilities Arising Therefrom. By John H. Ingham. T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., Philadelphia. Law sheep, pp. 800.

Mr. Ingham has covered a subject which, strangely enough, has never before received the consideration of any text-writer, although a subject on which there has been a great number of adjudicated cases, and one which treats of a species of personal property whose attributes place it on a footing peculiar to itself, i. e., the necessity of considering the animal's nature, disposition, habit and liability to injure and be injured. A few of the headings of the author's divisions will show how carefully and completely the ground has been gone over. "Property in wild and domestic animals," under which division, among other things, the decisions on the mooted question of whether the dog is the subject of larceny or of a civil action only, are collected and compared. "Taxation, Sale and Mortgage of Animals," containing a full discussion of warranties; "Rights of Owners" of animals which have been killed, injured or stolen; "Liabilities of Owners," "Bailment and Carriage," "Cruelty and Game Laws," "Injuries by Railways," "Fencing Laws," etc. This excellent volume will be of inestimable value to the practitioners in small cities and country towns, where questions along this line are continually arising.

A Treatise on the Law of Domestic Relations. By W. C. Rodgers. T. H. Flood & Co., Chicago. Sheep, pp. 900.

Propositions involving the law of domestic relations are constantly confronting the lawyer, and especially the young practitioner. In Mr. Rodgers' new work practitioner and student alike will find this important subject skillfully and accurately treated. A most noteworthy fact is, that the work has been entirely compiled by the author, thereby avoiding the many errors which are so apt to creep in where clerks are employed. Another feature of the treatise is that while the old law has not been overlooked, a large percentage of the citations are recent, a matter of no small importance. The rights and liabilities which arise owing to the entering into of contracts by those occupying relations such as to involve the litigation of relative rights, together with the property rights involved by such relationship, compose many of the most knotty problems which confront the general practitioner, and are matters treated by the author in a most comprehensive and exhaustive manner.